

***Phyllocnistis citrella* Stainton (Lep.: Gracillariidae): A record of a vacated mine imported to Great Britain, December 2004**

Christmas Eve shopping in a Cheltenham supermarket in December 2004 involved some last minute purchases of fresh fruit and to this end my wife bought two string bag packs of satsumas. On returning home, everything was unpacked and tidied away and the focus shifted to other Christmas preparations. It was not until the 28 December that I looked through the remaining satsumas and noticed one which had a distinctive blemish on the skin. Closer examination showed this to be a mine, weaving across the peel, with evidence of a central line of frass.



Satsuma with vacated mine of *Phyllocnistis citrella*.

Earlier in 2004 I had read about the discovery in the Netherlands of a mine of *Phyllocnistis citrella* on a tangerine in the newsletter at www.leafmines.co.uk, January 2004). My example shared the characteristics of the Dutch fruit and I posted some photographs on the Yahoo leafminers discussion group requesting comments about the identity of the mine. Ben van As, who made the Dutch discovery, and Willem M. Ellis suggested that the mine was indeed the result of larval feeding by *Phyllocnistis citrella* and the question of identification was finally resolved by John Langmaid (per. comm.) who confirmed that the vacated mine was caused by *citrella*. Unfortunately the packaging for the fruit was thrown out before Christmas, but the supermarket subsequently indicated that the satsumas came from either Spain or Turkey.

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Some late broods of moths taken in 2004

On 4 December 2004, I recorded a possible third brood example of the Willow Beauty *Peribatodes rhomboidaria* (D.& S.). at light in my garden. On 6 December 2004, I caught a late second brood example of the Dark Arches *Apamea monoglypha* (Hufn.) I have taken examples of a partial second brood of *monoglypha* in October, but never as late as December. Both specimens were in immaculate condition— SAM KNILL-JONES, 1 Moorside, Moons Hill, Totland, Isle of Wight P039 OHU.